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TO: Iowa Medicaid Targeted Case Managers, Case Managers, Service Workers and Supervisors, Service Area Administrators, Integrated Health Homes (IHH), Health Homes (HH) and Managed Care Organizations (MCOs)

FROM: Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS), Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME)

RE: Updated - Child Care Medical Services

EFFECTIVE: April 1, 2016

*****This letter replaces Informational Letter No. 1659-MC dated April 8, 2016*****

This letter is to serve as notification that the IME has promulgated rules implementing Child Care Medical Services as a Medicaid state plan service.

Purpose:

Specific medical services have been routinely approved for payment through the exception to policy process, under the Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) mandate. Effective January 1, 2016, the department added Child Care Medical Services as a state plan service. The services include and implement a comprehensive protocol of care that is developed in conjunction with the parent or guardian and specifies the medical, nursing, personal care, psychosocial, and developmental therapies required by a medically or technologically dependent child.

Child Care Medical Service provider qualifications are located at 441-IAC [77.51](#)¹

Child Care Medical Services scope and limitations are defined at 441-IAC [78.57](#)²

Child Care Medical Services reimbursement methodology is defined at 441 IAC [79.1\(2\)](#)³

Service	Procedure Code and Modifier	Unit of Service	Rate	Claim Form
Child Care Medical Services	T1024 UC	Hour	\$23.95	CMS 1500

¹ <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/iac/rule/01-06-2016.441.77.51.pdf>

² <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/iac/rule/01-06-2016.441.78.57.pdf>

³ <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/docs/iac/rule/01-06-2016.441.79.1.pdf>

Prior Authorization (PA) Process for Fee-for-Service (FFS) Members:

Prior to providing services, providers serving members who are not enrolled with an MCO must submit requests for PA of Child Care Medical Services to the IME Medical Services Unit by faxing the request to 515-725-1356. The request must be submitted using the [Request for Prior Authorization](#)⁴ form and must include the following documentation:

- Proposed plan of care,
- Nursing assessment,
- Supporting medical documentation.

The IME Medical Services Unit will utilize the [EPSDT Medical Needs Acuity Scoring Tool](#)⁵ and the [EPSDT Functional Needs Acuity Scoring Tool](#)⁶ forms to determine the appropriate authorization amount for FFS members.

PA Renewal Process for FFS Members:

Prior to the expiration of the current treatment authorization, if the member continues to benefit from the Child Care Medical Services, the provider may request authorization for continued treatment by faxing the request to the IME Medical Services Unit at 515-725-1356. The request shall include the [Request for Prior Authorization](#) form and must include the following documentation:

- Treatment plan,
- Nursing assessment,
- Treatment summary detailing the member's response to treatment during the previous approval period.

PA Process for Members Enrolled in the IA Health Link:

The MCOs will honor existing IME PAs for 90 days for all services. Each MCO has established PA procedures for covered services. Please refer to Informational Letter [1628-MC](#)⁷ for PAs for providers participating with MCOs.

If you have any questions regarding the IME PA for FFS members, please contact the IME Medical Services Unit at 1-800-383-1173 or locally at 515-256-4623, or email at PA Services@dhs.state.ia.us

Questions regarding the Child Care Medical Services may be addressed to LeAnn Moskowitz, Program Manager at lmoskow@dhs.state.ia.us.

⁴ https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/470-0829_RequestPriorAuthorization_0.pdf

⁵ <https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/470-4815.pdf>

⁶ <https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/470-4816.pdf>

⁷ https://dhs.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/1628-MC_Prior_Authorizations_PA_for_Providers_Participating_with_MCOs.pdf